

# INDY SUMMER LEARNING LABS

A Partnership Between



The Mind Trust

United Way  
of Central Indiana



# From learning pods to learning labs, a coalition of Indy organizations has united on academic recovery efforts using public and private funding

The Mind Trust and United Way teamed up with other organizations to provide in-person support and care for children learning virtually. The partnership continued when the state legislature encouraged summer learning with House Bill 1008, which provided funding to launch an academically rigorous summer program hosted at schools and community sites.

FALL 2020

**Sites Will Offer Indy Students Free, In-Person E-Learning Care**

26

Community Learning Sites

882

Students Served

“Sites like Christamore House fill the gap for vulnerable students who need a free, safe, supervised place to learn — particularly those from low-income families with parents who have to go into work — so that those children don’t fall behind.”

**Chalkbeat**

INDIANA

SUMMER 2021

**‘This program works’: Indy Summer Learning Labs focuses on catching students up**



**Five weeks of free or low-cost, fun, high-quality summer learning programs**

38

Community Learning Sites

2,879

Students Served

**\$11.1M**

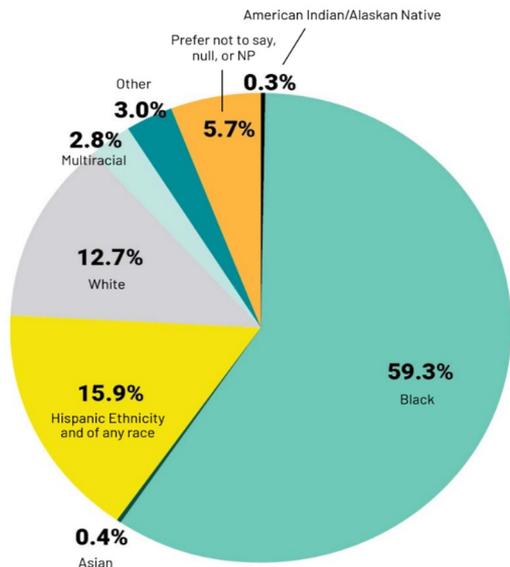
Two-Year State Grant from HB 1008

# In 2022, ISLL grew and served more than 75% students of color and nearly 70% low-income students across 36 sites in Marion County

Indy Summer Learning Labs was offered again in 2022 to offer academics, enrichment, and social-emotional learning. Students entering grades 1 to 9 participated at 36 locations across Marion County for at least 56 hours of academic learning.

**5,009**  
Total Enrollment

**68%** Students qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals  
**19%** Students receiving Special Education services



**10**  
Charter Schools

**2**  
Public School Districts

**24**  
Community - Based Organizations

## Cumulative Student Learning Time



**36 Hours**  
Reading / ELA



**20 Hours**  
Math



**11 Hours**  
Social-Emotional



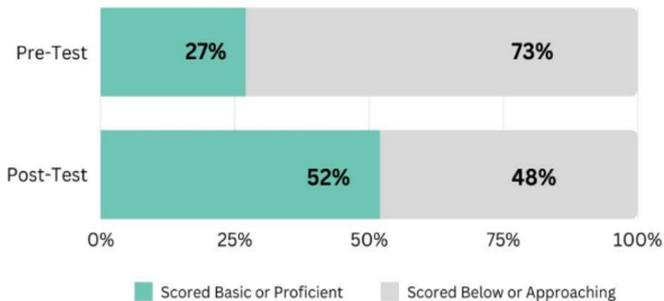
**84 Hours**  
Enrichment

# ISLL resulted in outstanding ELA and Math gains which had a statistically significant effect on students' state test scores

In only five weeks, double-digit gains of test growth were shown in 2021 and 2022. Those results translated into a statistically significant impact on ILEARN from 2019 to 2022.

## 2022 Program Results

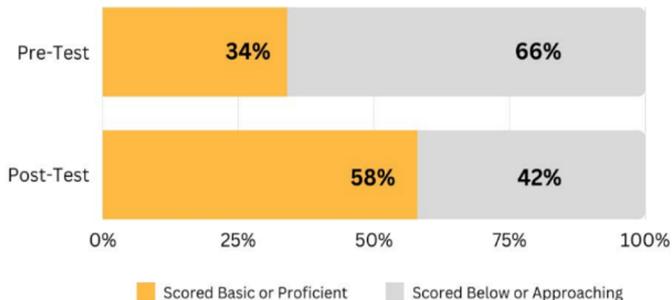
### ELA - Overall Student Learning Gains



**+25**

Percentage  
Points

### Math - Overall Student Learning Gains



**+24**

Percentage  
Points

## Indy Summer Learning Labs Impacted ILEARN Scores

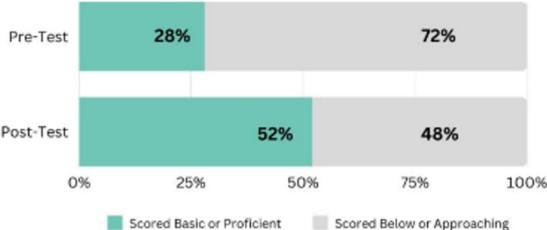
An independent study  
“indicated statistically significant  
gains ( $p < 0.05$ ) in learning above  
pre-pandemic rates of learning”  
for students participating in  
the 2021 summer academies  
compared to their non-  
participating peers.

Source: Indiana Department of Education, “Report on the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program”

# For students most impacted by disrupted learning, impressive growth prevailed in both ELA and Math

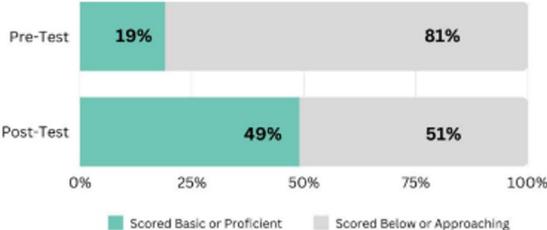
Given the exacerbation of educational inequity during the pandemic, the excellent academic growth in the disaggregated data shows the Indy Summer Learning Labs program is an effective approach to learning recovery.

ELA - Black Student Learning Gains



**+24% pts**

ELA - Latino Student Learning Gains



**+20% pts**

ELA - Free/Reduced Lunch Student Learning Gains



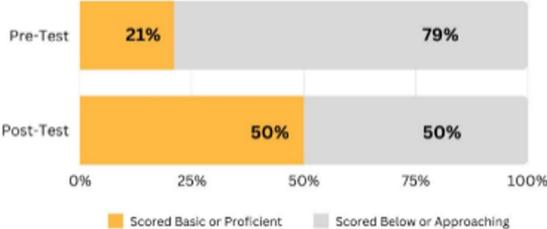
**+23% pts**

Math - Black Student Learning Gains



**+22% pts**

Math - Latino Student Learning Gains



**+29% pts**

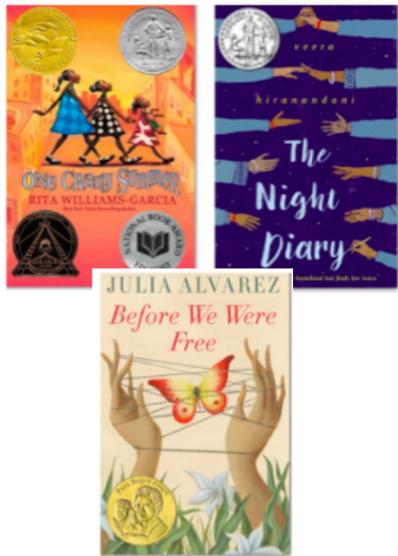
Math - Free/Reduced Lunch Student Learning Gains



**+22% pts**

# The curriculum – Lavinia RISE – prioritizes depth and conceptual knowledge; students read novels by authors reflecting their identities

Lavinia Group develops high-quality instructional materials that produce transformative results. The standards-aligned, culturally responsive curriculum provides teachers the tools they need to create a life-changing summer school experience.



*“My students were able to put their thoughts on paper better now than at the beginning of the summer. They can now draw pictures and label them to help show their comprehension of the text.”*

**- 1st Grade RISE teacher**

## Curriculum Content Blocks

### Close Reading for Meaning™

Teaches students how to tackle ANY short text or excerpt by using a symphony of transferable strategies and intentional questioning pathway.

### Insight Humanities™: Book Studies

Teaches students how to analyze ANY novel confidently and precisely by reading, analyzing, and discussing highly engaging, multicultural literature by award-winning authors.

### Systematic Phonics & Shared Poem

Teaches students decoding skills through a blend of direct, explicit, sequential, and multisensory routine. Grounded in the science of reading research.

### Math for Meaning™: Story Problems & Math Routines

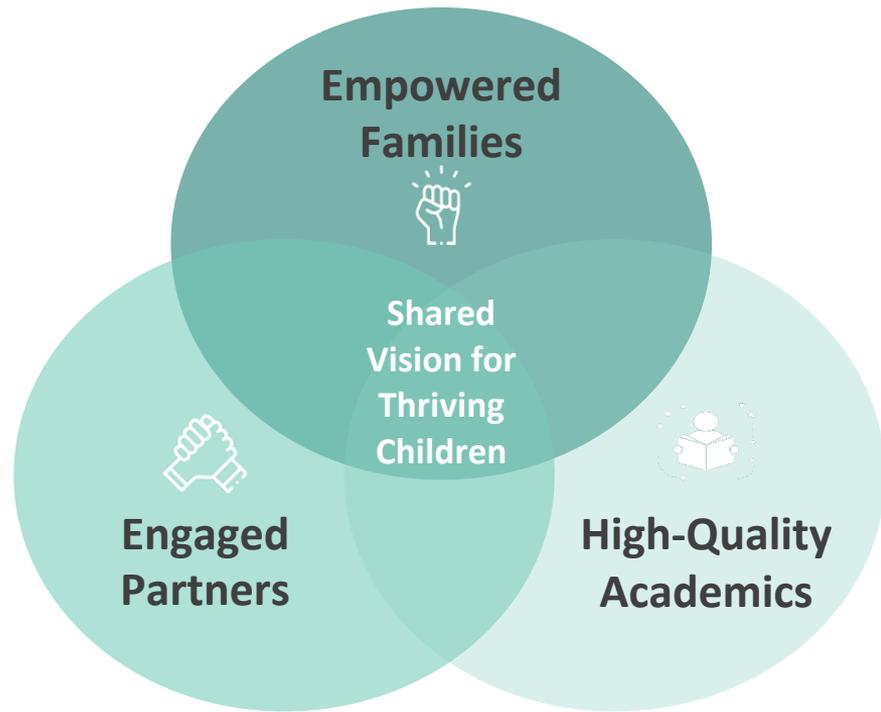
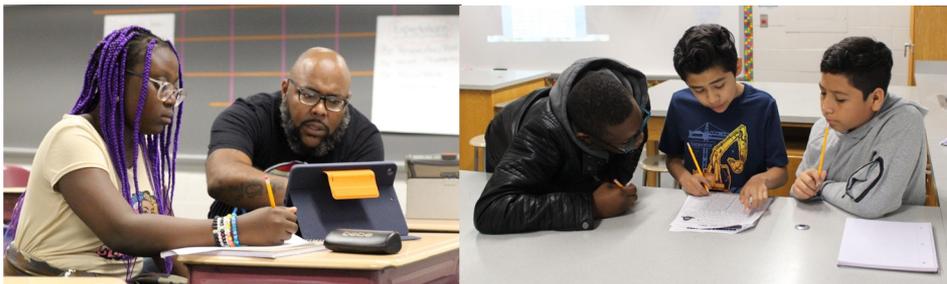
Helps students develop multiple approaches for solving on and above grade level story problems through hands-on learning and rich mathematical discourse.

# Three key levers led ISLL to achieving a shared vision for thriving students - empowered families, engaged partners, & high-quality academics

Indy Summer Learning Labs are designed to maximize access for families and maximize participation of willing partners.

## 3 Key Levers to Why ISLL Works

- **Empowered Families choose from a suite of programs to find the best fit for their child's needs and interests without compromising quality.**
- **Engaged Partners use their resources and expertise to realize a shared vision.**
- **High-Quality Academics ensure students receive standards-aligned, culturally relevant lessons led by certified teachers who were trained and receive ongoing support.**



# ISLL inspired a massive summer learning expansion in eight cities nationally; Indy will receive a significant philanthropic commitment

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Last summer, Indy Summer Learning Labs inspired a similar program in New York City that was funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies. The Mind Trust, United Way, and Bloomberg Philanthropies announced last week that Indianapolis is one of eight cities nationally that will receive significant philanthropic funding to expand high-quality summer learning.

## *Summer School Can Remedy Pandemic Learning Loss*

A philanthropist-funded program in New York showed that students got back on track quickly.

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By Michael R. Bloomberg

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**Bloomberg  
Philanthropies**